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In early October 1953, three Chinese Communist Air Force divisions were stationed in the Peiping area. These were the 3 Division, the 8 Division, and the 12 Division. The 3 Division had 40 MIG-15's¹ and the 8 Division had a total of fifty-one aircraft, composed of YAK-11's, IL-12's, TU-2's, and LI-2's.² The 12 Division, with forty MIG-15's³, was moved in several small groups from T'unghsien (N 39-55, E 116-39) to Shanghai during mid-October.⁴

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Comments. Although the identities, types, and locations of these divisions are believed to be possibly true, the numbers of aircraft reported subordinate to these units as well as the specific types of aircraft subordinate to the 8 Division cannot be judged

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1. According to [] the 3 Division had over sixty MIG-15's in April 1953.

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2. According to [] the 8 Division had begun converting from TU-2's to IL-28's by April 1953.

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3. According to [] the 12 Division had over fifty MIG-15's in April 1953.

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4. [] the 12 Division, with sixty MIG-15's, arrived at Chienou Airfield, Fukien, between 6 and 8 October 1953.

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